

SENATE BILL No. 739

September 6, 2007, Introduced by Senators GARCIA, ALLEN, RICHARDVILLE, BIRKHOLZ, PAPPAGEORGE, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, VAN WOERKOM, PATTERSON, CROPSEY, GILBERT, CASSIS, McMANUS, KUIPERS, OLSHOVE, JANSEN, SWITALSKI, STAMAS, CHERRY, JACOBS, BROWN, BARCIA, GLEASON, WHITMER, CLARKE, BISHOP, BASHAM, SCHAUER, HUNTER, SCOTT and CLARK-COLEMAN and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1964 PA 208, entitled

"An act to grant scholarships to students enrolled in postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for the administration of the scholarship program,"

by amending section 7 (MCL 390.977), as amended by 2004 PA 181.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 7. (1) An applicant awarded a first-year scholarship or a
2 renewal scholarship is not restricted in the choice of the
3 institution in this state which he or she desires to attend if the
4 institution is an eligible postsecondary institution under rules
5 promulgated by the Michigan higher education assistance authority,
6 except that a student shall not use a scholarship award at an
7 institution whose primary purpose is to prepare students for

1 ordination or appointment as a member of the clergy of a church,
2 denomination, or religious association, order, or sect OR AT AN
3 INSTITUTION THAT DOES NOT CONSIDER A STUDENT ENROLLED IN THAT
4 INSTITUTION A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR DETERMINING HIS OR HER
5 TUITION RATES IF THE STUDENT IS AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, OR THE
6 SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD OF AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, OF THE ARMED
7 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHILE THAT ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER IS
8 STATIONED IN THIS STATE AND DURING THE STUDENT'S CONTINUOUS FULL-
9 TIME ENROLLMENT IN THE ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM IN WHICH HE OR SHE
10 IS ENROLLED IF THAT ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER IS TRANSFERRED TO ACTIVE
11 DUTY OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE. An applicant awarded a first-year
12 scholarship or a renewal scholarship is not restricted in the
13 choice of the course of study he or she wishes to pursue.

14 (2) An approved institution chosen by the applicant is not
15 required to accept the applicant for enrollment, or once having
16 admitted the applicant, to continue the applicant's enrollment. The
17 approved institution accepting the enrollment of a state
18 competitive scholarship award winner shall notify the authority of
19 the recipient's enrollment and shall submit annually to the
20 authority reports which are required and necessary to administer
21 this act.